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## Editorial

The paper went out two days late last week owing to sickness in the family of one of our compositors.

AN excellent, fine Bible, large type, divinity circuit, leather lined, red under gold, and the EVANGELIST one year for \$2.75.

THE price of the EVANGELIST to the end of the year 1898 is \$1.25. This includes back numbers beginning with November 1.

WE still have on hand about one hundred sample packages of tracts which we would like to dispose of. The package contains one of each tract in the office and sells for ten cents.

THE article in last week's paper entitled, "The Pastor and his Studies," should have been "The Pastor and his Duties." The faithful pastor has many other duties besides his studies. The article is concluded in this issue.

IF your name does not appear correctly in the Annual of 1897, please state changes that you wish to have made and do it soon. Unless ordered changed it will appear in the 1898 Annual same as in the 1897. This item is for ministers, of course.

ANY item or matter that is of general interest to the brotherhood, will be thankfully received for use in our Annual for 1898. Something touching the young people's work, the Sisters' society, the Mission work, Sunday-school, etc., is in order.

LAST week's issue was the first of the enlarged paper. Extra copies were run for the use of agents and others in their canvass for subscribers. New subscribers can be supplied with back numbers to November 1, or the first number of the larger paper.

WE think our request for 500 new subscribers at one dollar is a modest one. It is especially so when compared with the *Ram's Horn* which has a circulation of 40,000 and makes an appeal for 400,000 new subscribers. "Man wants but little here below" etc.

WHEN you show this paper to your friends do not forget to point out its good qualities and also the advantage of subscribing now. Until December 1, new subscribers are entitled to the paper at one dollar per year or \$1.25 for fourteen months, that is to the end

of 1898. Now note this. The paper costs new subscribers \$1.25 for fourteen months, if taken before December 1; after that date the price will be \$1.50 for twelve months. Pastors will you make known this fact to your people, especially those who are not now subscribers?

WHAT have you done with the pledge sent you some time ago? Have you laid it aside, perhaps carefully folded it and put it away in a safe place? That is not what the blank is intended for. It is to be filled and sent with or without money to the secretary of the Board. Have you done this?

AN earnest, hard working pastor and a regular contributor to this paper writes: "If my contributions have been too long do not be afraid to say so. I'm above offense, I hope, on any such score as that." That is the language of a man of God, one who has the cause at heart and who is under the guidance and influence of the Holy Spirit.

WHAT are your plans for the coming winter? Have you inaugurated a campaign of work for the Lord? What have you outlined for the church? What for the young people's society? What for the Sisters' society? What for the Sunday-school? Nothing? Then the winter will pass away and you will have done nothing, for surely if you aim at nothing you can not expect to hit anything.

WE have this day received a letter from Unionville, Iowa, stating that the Sunday-school literature ordered from that place never reached them. We very much regret this as it puts that school to considerable inconvenience, and also because we exercised such care in filling orders that it becomes a mystery to us as to how the order could have miscarried.

THUS far we have received six replies with answers to our question, "What is a Christian?" We should like to have at least one hundred. Tell us in the fewest words possible your understanding of what a Christian is. This is to be followed by another question, "Why I am a Christian?" Let us dispose of the first by December 1, then take up the other. The prize we offer for the best answer is donated by us personally, and not by the Publication Board. The Board is at no expense whatever. We pay for the prize. You can have your choice out of twenty different books. The list will be published later.

A SERMON without Christ in it is no sermon at all, it is an essay on morality and is not the world's first need. People are hungering and thirsting after the righteousness, not as exhibited in men, but as it was in Jesus. Preach Christ to your people, the Christ of the gospel. Paul declared that he would know nothing among men save Christ and him crucified. The more Christ you preach, the better Christians there will be in your congregation.

THE brethren of the Illiokota District will announce at an early date the program for a Bible Conference. This is a step in the right direction. Every district in the brotherhood, unless the membership is too widely scattered, should hold such conferences regularly. One of the hopeful signs of the times is the increased interest manifested among all classes in the study of the Bible. The Word of God never had more earnest, sincere searchers after the truth than it has to-day.

A good sister who has the cause of the Master at heart and who is therefore greatly interested in the mission work of the church, has bought one of the \$125 bonds from the Brethren Publication Board and directs that interest and principal be paid to the Home Mission Board of the state of Ohio, as the same becomes due. This is a commendable act. It is helping the cause directly in two ways. First, it is a help to the Publishing Board, and second, it will be a great help to the mission work in this state. Are there not others who are willing to use their money in this way? It is a good investment for the Lord and will bring rich blessings to the donor.

MR. MOODY never wrote truer words than the following: "The first thing a man must do if he desires to be used in the Lord's work is to make an unconditional surrender of himself to God. He must *consecrate* and *concentrate*. A man who does not put his whole life into one channel does not count for much, and the man who only goes into the work with a half heart does not amount to much. We are living in an intense age, and if a man is to succeed, he must set himself apart for the work and throw all his energy into it." This is especially true of the Lord's work. A half hearted service fails in the business world and in the spiritual it is not acceptable. The secret of Paul's success as a servant of the Master is found in these words: "This one thing I do." He